

## Life Group Notes 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### The Lords Supper

*What did God speak to you about on Sunday? What can you remember from Owen's message?*

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22.** In this section Paul speaks of his sorrow at the disregard the believers have for one another when they come to the Lords Supper. They do not think of the needs of the others and more importantly they do not think of the sanctity of coming together and sharing this sacred remembrance act together.

**Discuss as a group: Can we think of ways that you may have come into shared time with the church with the wrong mindset, or without thinking of how we may affect those around us?**

The passage also speaks about how socio-economic lines can create division within the church: **Can you think of any ways that can be seen within our 21<sup>st</sup> Century culture (both in the UK and Hailsham specifically)**

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-32.**

**What do you think it looks like for us to share in Communion in an unworthy manner?**

(Some examples: arrogance, anger, whilst holding unforgiveness, in sinful disobedience)

**Discernment** is one of the main things that Paul begs the Corinthians to consider so that they may not bring themselves into judgement from God. This is both **Self** and Disernment of the **Body**. To examine one's own actions can be a very difficult and humbling process, but we are called to do so and to look for ways that we can submit and serve, like Christ.

**Why do we often struggle to discern our own weaknesses?**

**Prayer:**

- Pray for discernment to perceive our weaknesses and possible wrong worldviews
- Pray that we would discern the body, as Paul says, to see how we can be most empathetic when interacting with other believers.
- Pray for unity at ChristChurch – that we would continue to grow together under the leadership of Christ and the elders that he has appointed.

*Recommended book to read – Tom Wright, "Paul for everyone 1 Corinthians"*